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ANTIS OF TWO COUNTIES PLAN LEGAL FIGHTS

RECENT LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS IN SAN PATRICIO & BEA TO BE CONTESTED IN COURTS

PETITIONS BEING DRAWN

At Arkansas Pass Action to Declare Election Illegal, Probably Will Be Taken This Week—Nothing Definite Decided Upon by Beeville Liquor Dealers.

ARKANSAS PASS, Jan. 25.—The legal action starting here in connection with the election of San Patricio and Bee counties on December 27 and also resulting in voting off the measure of Arkansas Pass, will be continued.

A petition will probably be presented to the court and the suits will be every effort to have the election declared illegal.

BEEVILLE, Jan. 25.—The local option election held in Bee county on January 19, when the "Yes" carrying the country in the first round of voting here, will it appears be fought out in the coming session of the state legislature, which convenes here about March 1. Although the humor has not been well received, it is the consensus of opinion of those observers that a contest will be decided by the introduction within the same limit of such bills as will be introduced.

Developments are awaited with especially by both sides in the controversy. The full story of the election was announced last Wednesday. The publication of the court's order will begin in this week's paper, and after that insertion the suits most those, however, the court proceedings provided the normal materialization, will have been decided before the closing day.

BEEVILLE, Jan. 25.—Independent southwest Texas citizens, who informed officials here have been retained by the anti-prohibitionists and it has been agreed between them and the commissioners that there is sufficient evidence to win the contest, there will be legal proceedings. It is therefore, in the interests of the interests whether the law was violated in the calling and maintaining holding of the election.

GOOD ROADS BILL PASSED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The back-to-back roads bill, carrying an amount of \$25,000,000, to aid states in their road work, passed the Senate last night by a vote of 234 to 1. Under the resolution the states would share in the apportionment on a basis of population and number of post roads. The money being disbursed through the National States' road commissions. It is predicted that the bill will meet strong opposition in the Senate.

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AMERICANS SECURE MACHINERY ORDERS FROM THE ORIENT.

COTTON MILLS IN CHINA WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH YANKEE LOOMS AND SPINDLES.

NEW FIELD OF TRADE OPEN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Decidit a test case referred to the January hearing before the commission today, leading to orders on imports of shipments of cotton bales or hulls, the discharge duty being given or from seed costs of cotton and of mills, in sacks or bags in various minimum weight classes, Jerome per car.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Miss Minnie E. Werner, a soprano singer, who jumped from a second-story window today, probably will recover, it was said at the hospital.

The girl's death was due to falling from a truck loaded with carded bales. As it was her skull was fractured, arms broken, and several ribs fractured. Her condition tonight was not so bad as of questioning as to the cause of her act.

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TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Local forecast for today: Colder, light to moderate southerly winds shifting to northwest.

At the Theatres.

AMAS—Elmy Wehlen in "Her Kindness"; a Metro feature film. FAYE—Billie Ritchie in "Billie's Return," supported by Louise Orth and Regis Morris. Also "These Fairies Haters."

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—For East Texas: Wednesday cloudy, north wind, Thursday, sunny, cold.

For West Texas: Wednesday, cloudy, cold except in south; Thursday, cloudy, cold.

RANCH CARETAKER MURDERED IN MEXICO



PETER KEEN

SECRETS OF FAMOUS 42-CENTIMETER GUN KNOWN TO AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—That the American war department has definite information regarding the construction and operation of the famous German 42-centimeter howitzer and is preparing plans for similar guns for the United States army, was disclosed today by Col. Charles Tread, who appeared before the Senate military affairs committee. Much of Col. Tread's testimony was confidential but it is known that he told the committee that there was an American observer with the armament of each European belligerent who makes frequent reports to the army college.

The American three-inch field artillery, he said, duplicated the French 75's in every respect, except the rapidity of fire and this is now being remedied.

With Startling Abruptness Blazing Gasser at White Point Snuffs Itself Out

AT THE white point yesterday morning the 25-foot gas well at White Point, which had been burning for a short while for many days suddenly and mysteriously snuffed out.

What extinguished the fire is not known. Hundreds living near the well say that as the flame died out the gas exploded for a moment, and then was consumed with the same intensity as before in the volume of gas released at first.

The explosion seems of this well yesterday started a favorite game of conversation in Corpus Christi, and according to the report of the science personnel some startling developments.

To one who says he believed that the well is exhausted and that seemed to him that the pressure breed, he said, "It is a sort of gasoline tank, and when you open it, it goes up."

Others believe the fire is temporary and that the surrounding about the top of the gas is caused by the presence of bubbles at the lower end of the tower, formed there by the pressure and acting as a half valve.

It was suggested that perhaps it was above ground and not underneath the flame before the gas could break through.

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WILSON INSISTS UPON HOLDING BERLIN TO "STRICT ACCOUNT ABILITY".

TO CONFER AGAIN TODAY TRAGIC END OF A NATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The United States government has, it is understood, rejected Germany's latest proposal for the settlement of the Lusitania controversy. Count von Bernstorff and Secretary of State Lansing will confer again tomorrow when it is believed Germany will submit whether the United States will endorse the requirements of the United States.

In many particulars the last proposal was acceptable to the United States but it is stated on good authority that President Wilson insists upon holding the German government to strict accountability for the loss of Americans dead and disabled. The German government is asked to admit that it is liable for the acts of its naval commanders.

It is understood that the latest proposal Germany contains that in consideration of its responsibility for the tragedy it gives to a greater extent than international law requires in making concessions. The United States is stated, takes the position that any such statement must be considered in any settlement.

FINDS BODY SUFFOCATED.

TESLA, Tex., Jan. 25.—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Norton was found dead in bed early today. It is believed the child was suffocated by the sheets they used in. Perhaps there

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Square Yourself With Your Soul

We are enjoying peace and prosperity, and are strongly indifferent to the sufferings of others. The European war is little more than a name, a vague phantom. We have helped Belgium to a limited extent, and have come to pride ourselves on our giving.

But the comfort that is ours is a mockery. We have no right to all these blessings—not unless we pay a price that has not been paid. And the chance is at hand. Thousands upon thousands of Jewish women and children and aged men are wanderers in the bleak fields of Russia, the charred villages of Poland, without fire, sufficient clothing, or a place to sleep in, too exhausted to tempt the fatigued wolf.

President Wilson has set aside Thursday, January 27, as Jewish Relief Day. President Wilson is a close, acute student of international affairs, and he is impressed by the terrible suffering of these people. He hopes that the United States may extend charity where charity will do even a greater service than it has been called upon to do in Belgium.

Dollars are human lives. Lives are graves. The salvation of your own soul is not more important than the salvation of these poor victims of strife.

Forward contributions to The Caller and they will be placed in the proper hands for distribution. Address your communication to—

The Caller Publishing Company,
Jewish War Relief Fund

BRITISH MEET DISASTER IN SYRIA

Three Thousand Dead Left On Field After Battle

GARDNER WANTS OUR NAVY EQUAL TO ANY.



GARDNER SPEAKING

Photo by American Press Association.

CONGRESSMAN ALFRED P. GARDNER of Massachusetts, who is a member of the House Committee on Militia, yesterday told the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee that while it was good to all right for the present to increase our navy, it might stand to the world, he thought, that ultimately it would be necessary to get on a par with all other powers.

Mr. Gardner said the Foreign Affairs Committee had voted to increase the navy by half hundred ships, adding

sixty-eight ships have stated the burning garrison and, incidentally, Parson Clinton. Returning automobiles have a great deal of pride for the country and its approaches. As a result it is settled fact that hundreds of automobiles filled with pleasure seekers will visit Corpus Christi from the interior at all times, especially on Sunday, the business man's vacation day.

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EVEN BARE NECESSITIES OF LIFE DENIED THESE BROKEN EXILES

CHINA GOVERNMENT ABLE TO CONTROL PRESENT UPRISINGS

ARRIVALS FROM ORIENT SAY SITUATION IS NOT AS SERIOUS AS REPORTS INDICATE

YUAN HOLDS TIGHT REIGN

RAN PLANCHARD, Jan. 25.—Arrivals from the Orient today minimize the significance of the preparations of the present uprising in China. They assure themselves that Yuan Shih-ka will be able to stabilize the government under the newly created monarch.

PEKING, Jan. 25.—The re-establishment of monarchical government has been fully consummated according to the unanimous opinion of the Chinese newspapers, which regard the actual coronation of Yuan Shih-ka as an important detail, for he is already being generally addressed as His Majesty. The Peking Gazette, which has consistently advised against a change in government at this time, says: "The empire is fully accomplished fast. We have no need to express the view that there is every importance in the restoration of what is again the system of the Manchus, even though there is a possibility to do so with a constitution. But we should not be wishing our country well if we did not express the hope that the president may be given considerable power which will assist him to realize his national possession and not as a family property."

The Peking Daily News, which is semi-official in character, says: "The certain has been disclosed the formal birth of a dynasty under which China may be expected to advance rapidly towards the greatness and prosperity it has hitherto been denied. It will be remembered upon the emperor and his advisors to show that the elevation of the monarchical government is no less a violation of their powers. This should not be difficult, as China has never harbored militaristic feelings."

KOSSUTH, probably recognizably better than the emperor that of China's empire road in the near future to do.

The legal status of the government in the view of foreign powers, is, of course, that of China, still a republic, and the Chinese armed rebellion means that all the laws and regulations of the republic shall remain in force unless modified by monarchical decrees.

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